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Chris Murphy is co-owner in the first Men in Kilts window washing franchise in the Boston area. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Is a missing Brown Univ. student hiding in the Hub?

NEWS. Family of missing 22-year-old turns to Facebook and Twitter to help find him. Sunil Tripathi was last seen March 16 in his Providence apartment. Fliers were posted around Harvard Square and Mass. General Hospital. PAGE 04

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NEWS

Welcome

Check us out!

Good morning, Boston! We have a little Monday morning surprise in store for you today: As you can tell from the following pages, Metro has undergone a face-lift. We've refreshed our design to make it brighter while allowing for more room for in-depth reportage and viewpoints. Why? Because we're right there with you in the commuting trenches and want to make your morning trip into the office more colorful, interesting and fun. We hope you like it.



Christopher Murphy and his mother Judy Briggs are opening the first Men in Kilts Window Washing franchise in the Boston area. / PHOTO BY NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Men in Kilts: Company to give you a new view

Window dressings.

Dirty windows may soon lead to some dirty thoughts, depending on where you're standing.

Starting next week, a stiff Boston breeze could mean disaster in more than one way. Men in Kilts, a Vancouver-based window washing company whose technicians wear kilts while they work, will open in Boston on April 2.

"When people book jobs, we always remind them — no

Quoted

"It's actually nice not wearing pants."

Chris Murphy, Boston Men in Kilts

peeking," said Men in Kilts CEO Tressa Wood.

"They always burst out laughing." In addition to spit shining windows, the kilted technicians also clear gutters and pressure-wash buildings, storefronts, homes and condos.

For Boston franchise owner Judy Briggs, the

unique brand could not come to a more perfect city. "I think it will be very well received in Boston, particularly because so many people here have Irish and Scottish roots," Briggs said.

Her son, Chris Murphy, is the company's local operations manager and the city's first official kilted window washer.

"We've had a chance to practice in the kilts. You get used to it pretty quickly. It's actually nice not wearing pants," said Murphy, adding that he's already gotten his share of spectators.

"We definitely get a lot of people staring at us, and com-

ments. You can't be shy. We tell them they'd have to hire us to find out what's under our kilts," he said.

The service is year-round, which means next year, Boston washers must brave the winter weather sans pants.

"They wear leggings underneath when it's cold, and big wool socks. Kilts are actually pretty warm," said Wood. "We're excited to start doing this in Boston."

"It's a fun take on a mundane job, and it makes people smile."



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A cleaning crew works on the South End brownstone where the body of a man was found early yesterday morning. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

Crime. Body found at South End brownstone

Questions remain after a man's bloody body was found outside a South End brownstone early yesterday morning. Police said they were called to 148 West Canton St. just after 6:30 a.m. and found the man lying face-down on the stairs. Police said there were no visi-

ble injuries on the man, whose identity was not released. There was no word on a cause and manner of death as of press time, and homicide detectives are investigating, police said. A resident getting his morning paper reportedly found the body. **MICHAEL NAUGHTON**

Customer service

Riders weigh in on late-night T service

Nearly 26,000 MBTA customers recently told the T they wanted more late-night service, The Boston Globe reported. The MBTA put out an online survey asking riders whether they would wait longer and pay more for a shift that ran after midnight. The majority of riders said they would. T officials only expected about 500 to offer input. **METRO**

Bad rider

Man accused of MBTA masturbation

A Mattapan man was arrested last Tuesday for allegedly masturbating in front of a woman on the Orange Line. Ramon Antonio Baez, 25, was charged with open and gross lewdness after police tracked him down on Thursday. The victim snapped a photo of Baez during the incident. **METRO**

Worse rider

Woman pulls knife on T rider

A Cambridge woman on Thursday allegedly spit on and assaulted a man with a knife on the MBTA Red Line. Transit police said Kelly Madden, 49, attacked the victim as the train pulled into Central Square MBTA Station because he asked her to not speak so loudly on her cell phone. **METRO**

Education

Harvard stripped of quiz titles

Harvard University was stripped of its 2009, 2010 and 2011 academic quiz tournament titles because one of the team members allegedly accessed a server that allowed him to see the first 40 characters of the questions. The quiz group said it violated the rules of fair play. **METRO**

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Boston searches for Brown University student

Search. Missing 22-year-old hasn't been seen in more than a week.

The family of a missing Brown University student is asking for help locating

him in other nearby major cities, including Boston. Sunil Tripathi was last seen March 16 inside his apartment.

Providence and Brown police have been searching for the missing 22-year-old who left behind his wallet, identification and cell phone. His family started a Facebook page and a Twitter account to



gain attention for the search. The page had nearly 2,000 likes as of last night.

The family requested help from people in nearby major cities such as Philadelphia, New York and Boston and have received some assistance. A woman posted on the Facebook page that should would post the miss-

ing person flyer around Harvard Square and Massachusetts General Hospital. "Sunil is a kind, gentle and shy young man. All we want is for him to return safe and well," his family wrote on the Facebook page. Family members said they are extremely worried because he left behind a note

that had suicidal intentions. He took a leave from Brown last year because of depression. Despite that, Tripathi has not turned up. Anyone with information can call 401-243-6191.



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Crime

Bullet grazes woman in head

A woman getting off of a bus Saturday in Roxbury was hit in the head by a bullet that police said was not meant for her. The woman, who is in her 40s, told police she had just come from the movies with her teenage son and nephew when the 8:30 p.m. shooting took place. Police said she suffered what appeared to be a graze wound to the right side of her head. The woman was taken to Boston Medical Center for treatment. Police said there was no description of a suspect, but that the woman appeared to be an innocent bystander. **METRO**

Crime

ID theft eyed at local liquor store

An Allston liquor store said it has resolved the issue that led to several customer complaints about fraudulent credit card purchases. The manager of Blanchard's Liquors told the Globe Saturday that the store had received several complaints about customers' credit card information being used to make unauthorized purchases. He said there was a problem with the processing company the store used. Boston police said detectives and federal authorities were investigating several reports of stolen credit card information. **GLOBE**



Game over for PAX East

It's game over for attendees of the Penny Arcade Expo, which wrapped up a weekend full of events yesterday. About 70,000 gaming fans attended PAX East at the Boston Convention & Exhibition Center. Many of those people who attend do so in creative — and sometimes frightening — costumes. / NICOLAUS CZARNECKI

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World. John Kerry asks Iraq to stop flights carrying arms to Syria

Secretary of State John Kerry said that he had told Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki that Iranian flights carrying arms to Syria through Iraqi airspace were "problematic" during an unannounced visit to Iraq yesterday.

"Anything that supports President Assad is problematic," Kerry told reporters.

"I made it very clear to the

prime minister that the overflights from Iran ... are in fact helping to sustain President Assad and his regime," Kerry added.

Kerry also informed that President Obama felt that his talks with Israeli and Palestinian officials were the most positive he had accomplished to date.

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Return from exile

Musharraf returns to Pakistan

Pakistan's former President, Pervez Musharraf, returned home yesterday after nearly four years of self-imposed exile to contest elections despite the possibility of arrest and death threats from the Taliban. **REUTERS**

Alkhatib resigns

Syrian opposition head quits

Moaz Alkhatib, the head of Syria's main opposition group, resigned, weakening the moderate wing of the two-year revolt against President Bashar al-Assad's rule and complicating Western efforts to back the rebels. **REUTERS**

Obamacare's third anniversary marked with lobbying surge



Staffers for Sen. Orrin Hatch and Sen. Mitch McConnell move a huge stack of papers used as a prop in a press conference on the repeal of Obamacare. DOUGLAS GRAHAM/CQ ROLL CALL/GETTY IMAGES

Politics. Groups are ramping up lobbying for an 11th-hour assault on taxes and regulations.

Medical device makers, health insurers, retailers and restaurants are waging what lobbyists call a coordinated effort to gain Senate Democratic support for overturning \$130 billion in taxes that will be used to fund the new law, and repealing a mandate requiring employers to provide insurance coverage for full-time workers or pay a fine.

The campaign is backed by two of the business world's lobbying powerhouses: the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Federation of Independent Business. The latter had a leading role in 2012's failed attempt to overturn the Patient Protection

Quoted

"It's going to be a difficult battle. This is the administration's signature law."

Amanda Austin
NFIB's federal public policy director

and Affordable Care Act in the Supreme Court.

Known as Obamacare, the 2010 law will bring sweeping change to the \$2.8 trillion U.S. health care industry starting Jan. 1, 2014, including bringing health insurance to millions more Americans.

Lobbyists are gearing up for a battle against the law's costs that is likely to intensify as lawmakers shift attention to the 2014 congressional elections and the campaign donations they may need.

Those who oppose the law have joined industry letter-writing campaigns. **REUTERS**

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Survey finds readers can't identify Dickens

Literature. Fewer than 50 percent could decipher him from the 'worst writer in history.'

In a blind reading test, people could not tell the difference between the work of Charles Dickens and an author dubbed "the worst writer in history."

The study, carried out by a number of leading universities around the world, showed examples of the work of Dickens and another Victorian author, Edward Bulwer-Lytton, to more than 9,000 people.

Participants were asked to identify the correct author, and only 48 percent gave the right answer.

Even when answers were filtered to include responses from students at Harvard, Yale, Oxford and Cambridge universities, the rate of correct answers only increased to 50 percent.

Bulwer-Lytton is perhaps best known for his 1830 novel "Paul Clifford," which starts with the much-parodied phrase "It was a dark and stormy night." **METRO**



Pictured is English novelist Charles Dickens, circa 1860.

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Divide the work

Study: Sharing chores equals a happy marriage

Fathers who have a happy relationship with their children and who do their fair share of housework have the happiest marriages, a new American study has found.

The research, by the University of Missouri and Utah State University, found that relationships prospered when couples worked together on household chores — rather than men doing all the heavy lifting and women concentrating on cooking and cleaning. **METRO**

Too much salt risk

Harvard: 15 percent of deaths due to high salt

Excessive salt intake causes 2.3 million deaths per year, according to new research by Harvard University.

Harvard scientists told the American Heart Association that 15 percent of all deaths from heart attack and stroke around the world in 2010 were caused by excessive salt in the diet.

The University said its research into sodium intake was a much more serious health issue than sugar intake. **METRO**

Retrial ruling

Ruling due in 'Foxy Knoxy' murder case

Amanda Knox, the American cleared of the murder of a British woman in Italy last year, finds out today if she will face a retrial for the killing.

Italian prosecutors appealed the not guilty verdict returned on Knox — dubbed "Foxy Knoxy" — and her boyfriend Raffaele Sollecito over the 2007 death of British student Meredith Kercher.

Italian judges will deliver their ruling on the prosecutor's appeal this morning. **METRO**

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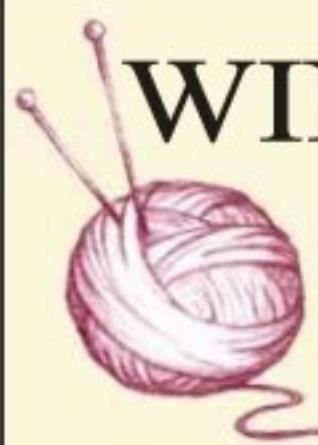
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Former Russian spy Anna Chapman, left, has given Russia's image a bit of a face-lift. VICTOR BOYKO/GETTY IMAGES

Cyprus is banking on Russia's interest

International. Cyprus is calling on Russia to do a traditionally American task — help with its financial woes.

The financial crisis convulsing the small Mediterranean island of Cyprus could have sinister repercussions for American hegemony in one of the most strategically sensitive areas of the world.

For the Cypriot government is looking at an unlikely source of funds to pull itself back from the financial abyss — Russia.

Last week Cypriot ministers traveled to Moscow to ask for about \$10 billion in loans that would have eased the immediate threat of bankruptcy of the Cypriot economy.

The request was turned down, but it emerged over the weekend that discussions could resume if alternatives fail. And, given Russia's broad and deepening involvement in the Cypriot economy, observers fear the Kremlin could ask for more than its pound of flesh in return for bailing out the Cypriots.

Russia has long been seeking new allies overseas since the collapse of the Soviet Union more than 20 years ago. Its only foreign naval base now is at Tartus in Syria. European Union military advisers are wary of Russia establishing a military presence — in return for financial aid

Black gold

With its coffers awash with petro-dollars from its immense oil and gas reserves, Russia has approved a massive splurge in spending on its military in a bid to restore its status as a super-power, lost in the wake of the

collapse of the Soviet Union.

- Its \$659 billion rearmament program will add 18 warships and more than 30 other vessels to its fleet by 2016, including six submarines.

Spy games

A striking display of Russian influence in Cyprus came in 2010 when the FBI arrested Anna Chapman and nine other suspected Russian spies in New York and New Jersey.

- The man regarded as the spy

circle's organizer, Pavel Kapustin, evaded arrest but was later held by police in Cyprus.

- Then, to the fury of the Americans, Cypriot authorities inexplicably granted Kapustin bail — and he disappeared.

— in Cyprus, which is just an hour's flying time away from Israel and on the doorstep of one of the world's most volatile regions — the Middle East.

Since Cyprus joined the European Union in 2004, the small eastern Mediterranean island has become a safe haven for Russian money — much of it from dubious sources, earned as Soviet natural resources were carved up after the fall of the Berlin Wall.

It is estimated that about half of the \$80 billion swirling around the Cypriot banking system is Russian money, put there by everyone from billionaire Moscow businessmen to small Russian investors, keen to avoid punitive tax rates at home and raids on

their wealth by corrupt Russian officials.

Around 50,000 Russians live in Cyprus — they fueled an astonishing real-estate boom in the early part of the 21st century — and the island has three Russian language newspapers.

Edward Lucas, author of "Deception: Spies, Lies and How Russia Dupes the West" said this weekend: "You can buy anything in Cyprus, the saying goes, from a villa on the beach to the entire country. The Russians started with the first and are on the way to the second."

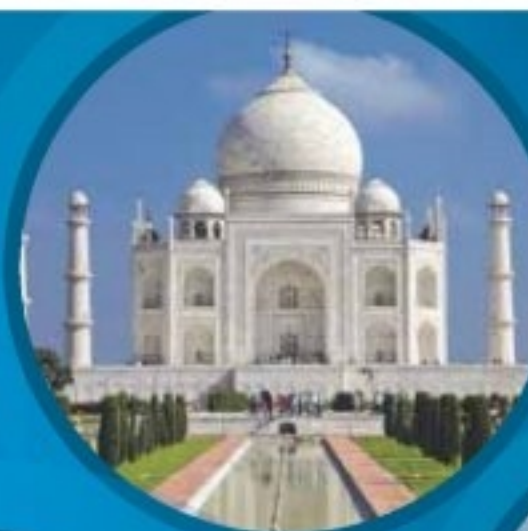
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Education. Americans underperform in STEM subjects — but why? How do we get back on track to compete in a technological economy?

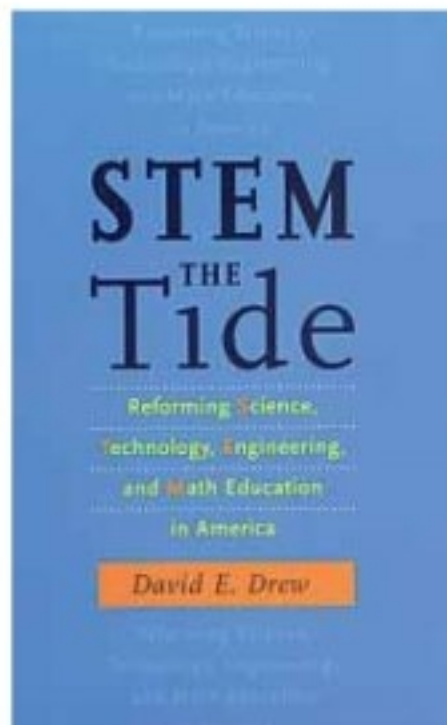
In a high-tech global economy, few people dispute the need for Americans to excel in fields that will help them compete in the world market. In "STEM the Tide: Reforming Science, Technology, Engineering and Math Education in America," Claremont graduate professor of education Dr. David E. Drew tells us why the U.S. underperforms in these critical areas and suggests ways to get back on track.

Why does America perform poorly in STEM education?

The main reason is that we don't support or respect our teachers as much as other countries do. In countries that out-perform ours, being a teacher is a higher-status



Dr. David Drew / TOM ZASADZINSKI



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"Ironically, even though we have a weak K-12 system, we have one of the strongest higher education systems in the world."

Dr. David E. Drew
On the United States' strengths



In a high-tech economy, STEM education is vital to success. / GETTY IMAGES/FUSE

job. They have much more professional development, and they're paid more. Fifty years ago, our underperformance didn't matter that much. Now, we have a high-tech information economy, so you need different kinds of skills. You're competing not only against the person from the next town, but with people around the world.

What are our strengths?

Ironically, even though we have a weak K-12 system, we have one of the strongest higher education systems in the world. In the U.S., we believe in giving people second and third chances. Many countries have rigid structures where you take a test before you're 18 and they tell you what you'll be doing when you're 45. Our system is more consistent with human nature.

How can we change the way we think about STEM achievement?

Other countries teach these subjects to everybody, and they succeed. Let me give you a metaphor: Every parent looks forward to the day their newborn will one day learn language. It is a complex cognitive task, but every person in our society does it. That's how we should be looking at STEM education.



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1 My Chemical Romance's love affair is over

The love affair between members of My Chemical Romance is over. The emo band announced on their website on Friday that they were disbanding after 12 years.

In a statement, they said being in the band "has been a true blessing" that allowed them "to see and experience things we never imagined possible." "We've shared the stage with people we admire, people we look up to and, best of all, our friends. And now,



like all great things, it has come time for it to end." We weep over their Hot Topic-purchased coffin.

2 Williams 'wigs out' about new line

There is no shame in Wendy Williams' weave game — the talk show host has been wearing wigs for the past 12 years, after being diagnosed with hyperthyroidism.

And now the Wendy Williams Hair World wig line debuts in June. In a recent interview with Metro, she says the wig line will have "everything respectful that wiggies want and that newbies can get used to" and that she's out to disprove the idea that wigs are "old and tired and ridiculous."

"You don't necessarily expect a fly girl turning 50 — that'd be me — wearing a wig," she says. How you doin', indeed.



THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip.

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David Beckham hits China

In terms of white dudes rocking China, we're going to go with Richard Nixon at No. 1 followed by David Beckham as a close second. The soccer star flashed his tattoo (no idea what it says but I'm hoping it's something along the lines of "please lick here") to fans during his visit to Peking University on Sunday in Beijing, China. Beckham is

in the country on a five-day visit at the invitation of the China Football Association as China's first international ambassador.



Bynes joins Twitter, is crazy



Amanda Bynes has been going crazy in New York, tweeting pictures of her recent makeover and a new cheek piercing along with bizarre and nonsensical declarations like "Baby corn and fried tofu" and "I want Drake to murder my vagina." Bynes has reportedly refused her family's requests that she move back to L.A., probably because there are just a few vagina morgues on the West Coast.

Rihanna keeps kids waiting



According to the Chicago Tribune, Rihanna kept 2,000 school children in Chicago waiting for more than three hours on Thursday. The pop star was to be there at 1 p.m. (the students gathered at noon) but Rihanna didn't stroll in until after 5 p.m. and left after 16 minutes. I will let the wise words of junior Patricia Halle close it out: "It's one thing to be fashionably late. This is just rude. Our lives don't revolve around a pop star."

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CULTURE



Twitter feed

Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Seth Rogen is going to eat very well soon, Jim Carrey has a very involved hobby, Justin Bieber doesn't like road trips and Alec Baldwin is giving away acting secrets.

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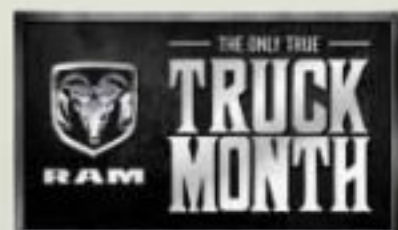
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Ashley Everage and LeRoy McClain star in Huntington Theatre's "A Raisin in the Sun." / T. CHARLES ERICKSON

Huntington balances between desperation and aspiration with 'Raisin'

Theater. Huntington's 'Sun' brims with a real emotional force

The Huntington Theatre Company captures the desperation that fuels Lorraine Hansberry's classic words in its stunning production of "A Raisin in the Sun."

Director Liesl Tommy challenges all of your senses in her masterful recreation of the Younger family's big chance at realizing their dreams. Clint Ramos' set spins often enough to induce a hint of dizziness while simultaneously creating the feeling that the characters are trapped in a maze with

Plot points

An insurance check offers hope for the Younger family to leave their cramped apartment on the South Side of Chicago behind. Medical school, owning a business and buying a home are all possible, but bad decisions like buying in an all-white neighborhood threaten their dreams.

only false hopes of finding a way out.

The jarring music of Broken Chord sets the perfect tone for this family whose claustrophobically intertwined lives find a glimmer of hope in a large check that arrives by

mail. Sadly, the family's biggest challenges to date are a direct result of the freedom this money promises.

Tommy, thankfully, mines every word of this masterful play for its humor, and the result is an abundance of side-splitting moments. The banter as the family all vie for breakfast and bathroom privileges is hilarious, as are the romantic escapades of younger sister Beneatha (Keona Welch). Her Nigerian folk dance is one of the moments people were talking about long after the curtain came down.

LeRoy McClain creates incredible emotional highs and lows as the ultimate dream seeker Walter Lee. His performance, while brilliant, is exhausting to watch. His calamity

is matched with the impeccable grace and stoicism of Ashley Everage as his mother Lena. Kimberly Scott also nails every nuance of his long-suffering, eternally hopeful wife Lena.

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Ryan Reynolds and Emma Stone voice prehistoric youngsters in "The Croods," this weekend's box office champ. / AP

'The Croods' has the goods

Box office. Animated prehistoric film fells 'Olympus' while far fewer see 'Spring Breakers'

Animated prehistoric adventure "The Croods," about a

family of cave-dwellers fighting for survival, claimed the movie box office charts with \$44.7 million from weekend ticket sales in North America.

"Croods" dethroned two-time box office champ "Oz the Great and Powerful," which slipped to third place. The Walt Disney Co. prequel

to "The Wizard of Oz" earned \$22 million in its third weekend, per studio estimates.

In between the two family films, thriller "Olympus Has Fallen," about a White House under terrorist attack, took in \$30.5 million at North American (U.S. and Canadian) theaters.

Raunchy adult comedy "Spring Breakers," which racked up big sales a week ago in just three theaters, expanded into 1,100 theaters and took the sixth spot with \$5 million.

"Admission," a comedy starring Tina Fey and Paul Rudd, grossed \$6.4 million and took fifth place. **REUTERS**



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Underneath the desire to compare is a deep-rooted sense that we are not enough. When we feel an unconscious sense of lack, we project that lack onto

Quoted

"Underneath the desire to compare is a deep-rooted sense that we are not enough."

others so we won't feel so badly about ourselves. It's a vicious cycle. For instance, maybe you've been single for a while and you often compare yourself to other people who are in relationships. This act of comparing sends you into a tizzy, reiterating all that you don't have, and it makes you feel worse about yourself. Or maybe you're someone who compares himself or herself to celebrities and notable figures. You always see yourself as less than, and in effect you feel incomplete. Understanding this pattern is the first step toward transforming it.

Once you're aware of your comparing habit, the next step is to take action toward changing the behavior. The moment you witness yourself compare, simply say, "The light I see in them is a reflection of my inner light." Even if you don't believe this affirmation or if you think it's too New Age-y, just try it. The



Feeling bad about yourself might lead to project that negativity onto another — but that won't make you feel any better in the long run.

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action of perceiving oneness in the moment can release you of the need to compare. Even for an instant you can be set free. That is a miracle.

Let's drive this exercise home with a little recap: Step One is to witness how you compare yourself to others. Become familiar with the behavior so you can recognize it when it comes on. Then Step Two is

to shift the behavior in an instant with this affirmation: "The light I see in them is a reflection of my inner light."

Practice this tool as often as possible and pay attention to your shifts. The shifts may be subtle at first, but you'll feel relief in an instant. Set yourself free from the comparison cycle and be at peace with who you are.


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Blogging all the way to the bank: Is it your passion?



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Money. Make sure you're taking the right steps to make money from the blog you love so dearly.

There's no get-rich-quick scheme when it comes to blogging. Creating a website, building an audience and eventually garnering revenue is an exhausting process — which is why most successful blogs are labors of love. A good blog stems from an unwavering desire to do the thing you most enjoy and share it with the world.

Advice

Tips for making a blog into a career:

- **Have a clear focus.** In this case, casting a wider net will not necessarily get you a wider audience.
- **Be patient, but be persistent.** The money isn't going to come rolling in, but regular posting and diligence will certainly help.
- **Use social media.** Utilize different platforms in order to promote your brand and drive traffic to your site.

Lauren Lilling had a degree in finance, but Wall Street just wasn't cutting it for her. A year after starting her blog, Keep It Sweet Desserts, Lilling left the world of finance and devoted her time to a new business: a blog and "e-bakery" where users can order treats like her seasonally appropriate "Matzo-crack" salted chocolate matzo.

Like any savvy business owner, Lilling drew on what she knew. "As someone who worked in finance prior to starting a business, I was able to use skills from my previous career, leverage the social media buildup I had from blogging and build on the relationships in both places," she says. Babette Pepaj runs TECH-

munch, a conference for food bloggers to help them do what Lilling has done. Pepaj travels around the U.S. to help food bloggers make their work more financially rewarding, she says.

"The unsuccessful bloggers I've seen are the ones who are short-term planners," says Pepaj. Most important, she says, is keeping the blog active to attract interest from advertisers: "You can't expect a brand to look at your blog that hasn't been updated in four weeks and think your community is engaged," she says.

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Jobs. Could a garage of old car parts become a profitable business?



Dave Stewart gets a little feline help while running his eBay business. / PROVIDED

In 2008 Dave Stewart was laid off from his maintenance tech position at a Pennsylvania nursing home. The news came as a shock and, as a result, he decided to take his career in a radically different direction.

Stewart is now one of a select few Americans that make their living through eBay. (The company claims 1.3 million sellers worldwide, but experts believe the number of individual, primary-income eBay-ers to be much smaller.)

"I no longer wanted to be dependent on someone else providing me with paycheck, because I saw that you couldn't rely on it as much as I did," says Stewart, from his home in Bucks County, Pa. "I wanted to be self-employed, but wasn't quite sure how to get there."

Inspiration struck, along with a bit of luck: He discovered a stockpile of obsolete car parts in his grandfather's cavernous garage. While his family was skeptical, Stewart was convinced there was a

market for outdated parts.

"It started out as an experiment — just a few parts on the [eBay] page. They really sold fast, and I had an inkling I was on to something," says Stewart. "Pretty soon, I had an eBay store, and I couldn't keep up with the orders."

Stewart's success wasn't based on luck alone. He operates his business with the systematic, detailed approach you'd expect in a much larger operation. Every one of the 1,600 items in his eBay store is researched thoroughly and displayed with precise photos and descriptions. These days, car parts represent less than half of the items in his store.

"To be successful on eBay, you have to be a salesman. It's like other sales jobs: If you're good at it, you can make a living — but only if you're good," says Stewart. "It's all about keeping people's interest with new merchandise. You can't just let it sit there and expect to make something." **BRUCE WALSH**

Q&A

eBay is still quite remarkable



PAUL PAVLOU,
professor of
management and
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at Temple University

eBay is an old school company in tech terms. The company was founded by Pierre Omidyar in 1995 as "AuctionWeb." eBay survived the dot-com bubble and continues to be one of the great successes in the industry.

How has the eBay game changed in the past five

years?

A lot has changed — some that's good for the individual, and some that isn't. eBay has attempted to attract much larger sellers, and they have adjusted their model somewhat because of that. However, it's a larger platform now, and the access to the market, logistics and infrastructure is still quite remarkable for the individual.

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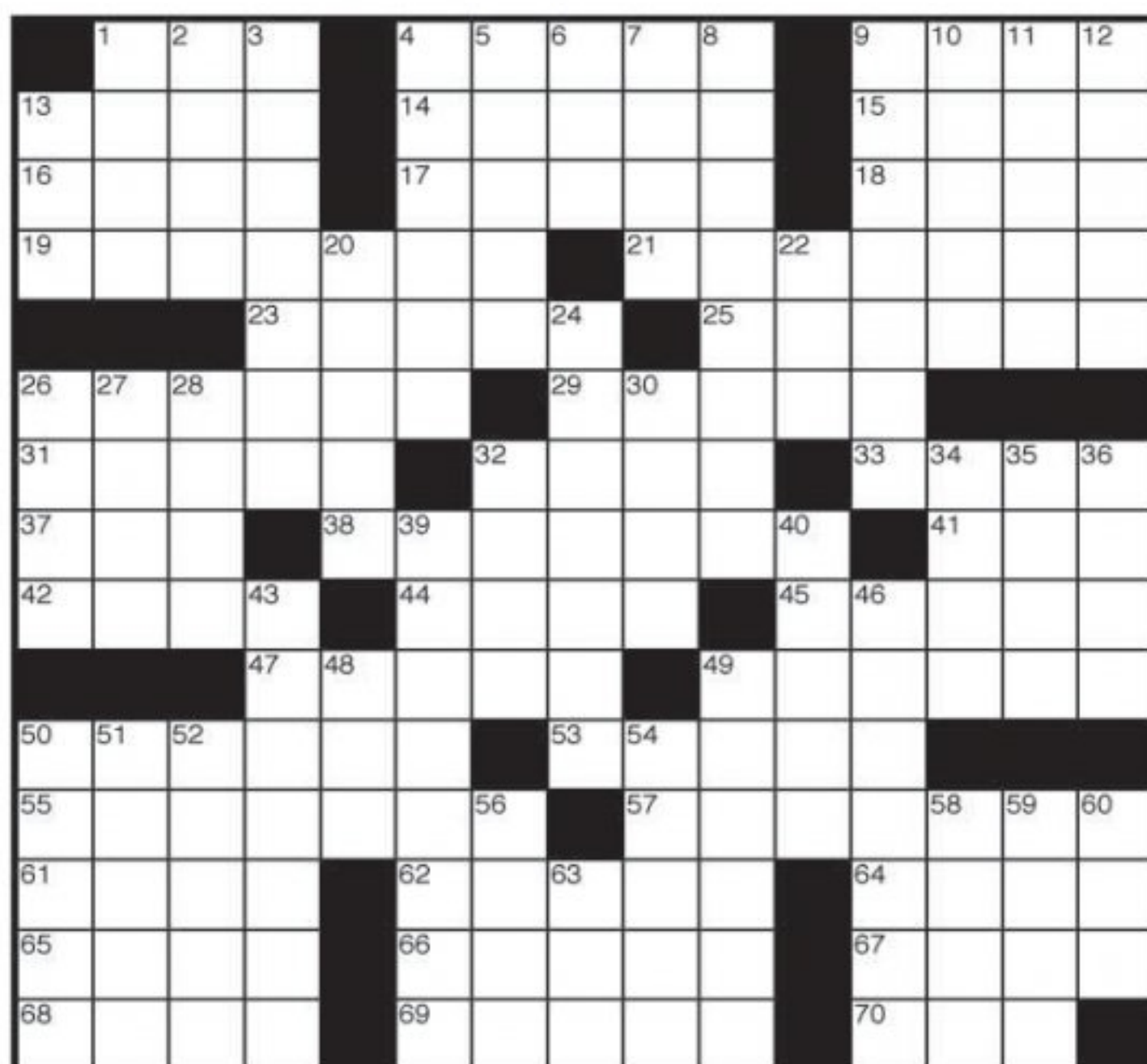
Crossword

Across

- 1 Marsupial pocket
4 Lightly moisten
9 Actor — Everett
13 Jupiter's wife
14 Fine violin
15 Not prompt
16 Et — (and others)
17 Familiar episode
18 Limerick locale
19 Relief pitchers
21 Formed thoughts
23 Loses hair
25 Multiplex offerings
26 Truth
29 Add one's 2 cents
31 Boadicea's people
32 Knot on a tree
33 Forum site
37 Electrical unit
38 Having luck (3 wds.)
41 Decorative scallop
42 Tower over
44 Retired
45 Buddhist king of India var.)
47 Rap sheet info 49 Looked hard
50 Kind of year
53 Connection (hyph.)
55 Cattleyas
57 Having a lease
61 Steakhouse order
62 — and aahed
64 Maintain
65 Future MD's course
66 Complain
67 Misgivings
68 "Holy cow!"
69 Snooped
70 Sixth sense

Down

1. Kirk's helmsman
2 Indigo plant
3 Fuel container
4 By a whisker
5 Revise
6 — es Salaam
7 Needle case
8 Quixote's foe
9 Butcher's knife



- 10 Cuba neighbor
11 Up — (stumped)
12 Acts
13 Punch
20 Grill locale
22 Immeasurable time
24 Most vinegary
26 String instr.
27 Yodeler's answer
28 The San — (NYC bldg.)
30 Nudge forward
32 Rum-soaked cake
34 Hound's track
35 Construct
36 "Oh my!"

- 39 Finalize (2 wds.)
40 Forum speech
43 Sugarcane harvester
46 Historic trail (2 wds.)
48 Zhou En- —
49 Ranked in tennis
50 Quick raid
51 From Tabriz
52 Toss out
54 Sherlock's lady friend
56 Carnaby Street locale
58 Currier and —
59 Lowest high tide
60 Canine warning
63 That man's

Yesterday's answer



Letters

America, the land of those with strange priorities

At times, historically speaking, Americans would have to be considered weird. They will vehemently defend something despicable or deadly, like slavery or gun ownership. Even now, if Second Amendment rights are threatened, you can feel the heated passion and sense the ensuing violence. However, when they lost their homes, jobs, sons and daughters, there was a woeful whimper.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

People die alongside society

What would make a 17-year-old young man walk up, shoot a sweet little baby in the face and kill him for a few dollars? What has happened in our society that life has become so expendable, so worthless? The fact that the family structure has collapsed, is one part of society's problems. Children are

not taught how to act or to understand "right from wrong" behavior, or to be respectful of each other. Children need to know shameless behavior is not acceptable. We are not animals in the wild. We need to stop saying everything is "OK." A society in deterioration is not OK. We need to stand up and call people out when their behavior is unacceptable. This goes for children and adults. It's not OK to murder anyone — whether they are little children in strollers, schools, or adults at the movies. Enough of this madness!

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN, VIA E-MAIL

Watch those backpacks

Hello my fellow train riders. Can you do me and every other passenger on the train a favor? When you have a backpack on, do you think you can be courteous and take it off and put it on the floor or hold it, because I'm tired of getting hit by it — and then you don't even apologize!

AIMEE EGAN, VIA E-MAIL

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Keep them a brief as possible, preferably under 100 words. Metro reserves the right to edit all letters. Please include your name and contact information.

Horoscope

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20.

Because you're likely to be more motivated to win than your competition, you will be the one coming out ahead. Don't let up.

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21.

Try to take a recreational break, even though the week is just beginning. It's a healthy way of keeping unwanted tension from building up.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20.

You might not be able to get everything that you want done, but trying to do so should enable you to finalize at least two important matters to your satisfaction.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22.

Not only are you extremely curious about everything, you'll also be a quick study. Because there isn't much that will escape your attention, it equips you to impart what you learn.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22.

Although financial matters could be tricky, you'll still be able to handle things quite well, mostly because you'll be a dab hand at improvisation.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22.

It behooves you to keep yourself as busy as possible, because a heavy workload will boost your productivity. Slow down only when life does.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22.

Keep a low profile today if you find yourself involved in a commercial situation that has lots of competition. It'll help you from tipping your hand on your tactics.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21.

You'll be more comfortable participating in activities with friends who don't take life too seriously than you would be with pals who don't know how to relax.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21.

Enormous personal satisfaction will be gained from developments in which you have to use your mental abilities to circumvent tough challenges.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan.

20. Usually it isn't advisable to offer unsolicited advice, even to a close friend. Today, however, if you have some constructive thoughts, express yourself.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb.

18. One of your greatest attributes is the ability to solve seemingly impossible problems. You'll be able to see what everyone else misses.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20.

You might have to make a decision between several alternatives that appear to be of equal value. However, if you study each, you'll discover that one is slightly better than the other.

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Sudoku: Easy

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	2							6
		7				9	4	
	4			3	1		5	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.



The Red Sox the hope newly signed Mike Napoli, right, will provide power in the early absence of David Ortiz. / BOSTON GLOBE/GETTY IMAGES

Not your '12 Sox: A look at a new order

RED SOX. Ugly season under Bobby Valentine has spawned a new lineup devoid of Big Papi, at least to start.

It's hard to believe that in just one week the Red Sox will begin playing games that count as they will be in New York, taking on the Yankees to open the 2013 season.

Coming off a disappointing 69-93 season, numerous changes were made with the

hope of getting back to the playoffs.

Here is a look at the potential opening day lineup against CC Sabathia and the Yankees:

Nos. 1-3: Jacoby Ellsbury (CF), Shane Victorino (RF), Dustin Pedroia (2B) — This has the potential to be one of the best top of the lineup groups in the American League. Ellsbury is in a contract year and if he plays anywhere close to what he did in 2011 the Red Sox will be in great shape. But as always,

health is a concern with the center fielder. Everyone knows what Pedroia brings to the table.

Nos. 4-6: Mike Napoli (1B), Will Middlebrooks (3B), Jonny Gomes (LF) — The middle portion of the lineup is the biggest question going into the season, especially when it comes to power. Who is going to supply the power, particularly without David Ortiz to start the season? Napoli has the potential, as he hit 30 home runs in 2011 and has seven in just

19 games at Fenway Park.

Nos. 7-9: Jarrod Saltalamacchia (DH), David Ross (C), Jose Iglesias (SS) — With the Sox going up against a left-hander, expect Ross to get the nod behind the plate, but without Ortiz the team needs a DH so Saltalamacchia can still expect to play. He will be looking to build off a 25 home run season last year.

RYAN HANNABLE
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Patriots. RT Vollmer reportedly locked up to new long-term contract

The Patriots' offensive line is back in full for a new season of protecting Tom Brady.

The team locked up right tackle Sebastian Vollmer, according to multiple reports. Vollmer was New England's most notable free agent left to be re-signed.

Vollmer was a second-round pick in 2009 out of Houston and made eight starts at left tackle his rookie season. He then moved to right tackle and started 15 games in 2012. He had knee surgery in February, but will be ready for camp. **METRO**

Ellsbury injured

Ellsbury turns ankle, exits game

Speedy center fielder Jacoby Ellsbury left yesterday's spring training game against the Phillies.



The Red Sox star said after the game that he had rolled his right ankle sliding back into first base on a pickoff throw.

"I just stepped on the base and rolled it," Ellsbury told reporters. "It just got real tight, but it's nothing of a concern."

Ellsbury stayed to play defense in the bottom of the inning, but was removed for a pinch hitter in his next at-bat. **METRO**

Ravens improve

Baltimore adds OLB Dumervil

One of the Patriots' top rivals got a little better yesterday as the Ravens added free agent outside linebacker Elvis Dumervil.

ESPN reports the former Bronco signed a deal for five years and \$35 million.

Dumervil was under contract with the Broncos, who tried to restructure his deal in order to avoid paying a bonus. The sack specialist agreed to a restructured deal, but his agent apparently blew the deadline and Denver cut Dumervil. The Broncos tried to re-sign him, but he chose to go to the defending champion Ravens instead. **METRO**

Captain crutch

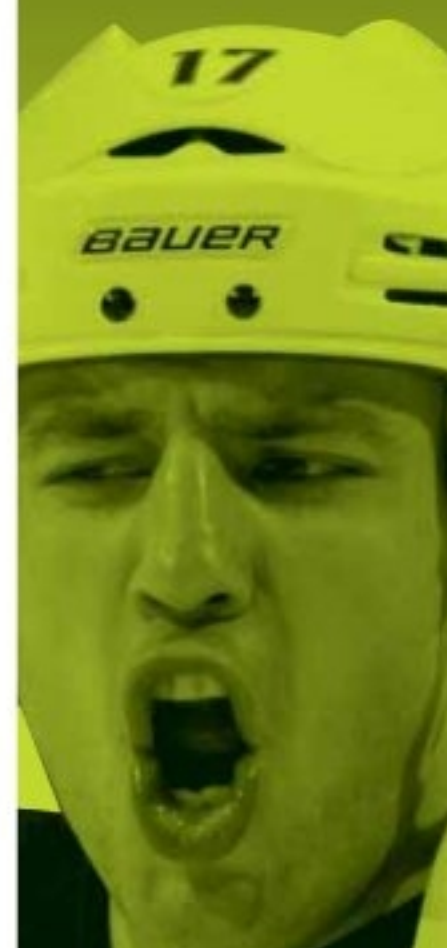
Jeter likely to begin season on disabled list

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman said short-stop Derek Jeter is likely to begin the season on the disabled list.

Jeter, 38, continues to recover from the ankle he broke in last year's post-season. The Red Sox play the Yankees in the Bronx on April 1. Jeter will miss the whole series. **METRO**



SPORTS



Bruins

Lucic moved

The Bruins have shifted Milan Lucic to the second line. Head coach Claude Julien decided to shake things up after a 1-3 road trip, bumping Lucic down to pair with Rich Peverley and Jordan Caron. Lucic hasn't scored in 15 games.

NCAA tourney

Indiana hangs on

The No. 1 seed Hoosiers rallied to defeat Temple to keep their title hopes alive. The Owls led 52-48 with 3:09 remaining, but did not score for the rest of the game. The Hoosiers scored 10 unanswered to win, 58-52.



Vollmer has become a key cog on the line. / TOM SZCZERBOWSKI/GETTY IMAGES

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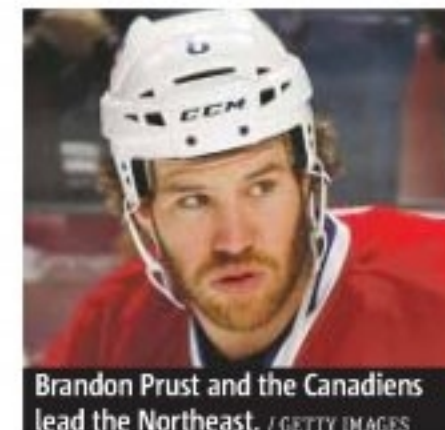
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Bruins return from road, face two critical matchups

Bruins. Week ahead could end with B's taking control of division over Habs.



Brandon Prust and the Canadiens lead the Northeast. / GETTY IMAGES

When we last saw the Bruins on Causeway Street, they were rolling after a pair of easy 4-1 wins against the hapless Panthers and Capitals. My how quickly things can change in a little over a week in this wacky 48-game NHL regular season.

After a 1-3-0 road trip, the

B's have to be happy about seeing TD Garden again, where they are 10-2-1.

They host the Maple Leafs tonight (7 p.m., NESN) then

the Canadiens on Wednesday (7:30 p.m., NBC Sports) in two pivotal Northeast Division matchups.

The Leafs (17-12-3) finally snapped their eight-game losing streak against the Bruins so they have newfound confidence. Still, they are six points behind Boston (43-37) and the Bruins have two games in hand. Montreal is at Pittsburgh tomorrow so there's a good chance the Bruins, who are two points behind the Canadiens with a game in hand, could regain control of the division with a win. **RICH SLATE**

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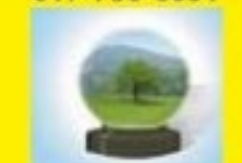
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